

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Potomac resident I wanted to reach out about the pending legislation.

To start, I am vaccinated and so is our family, however I believe there is a very slippery slope if our county moves to create a passport system for indoor activities.

The spread of Covid is NOT stopped by people being vaccinated or even those boosted.

This is why of the top five countries that have the highest percentage of population fully vaccinated (99.9–84.3%), the CDC identifies four of them as “high” transmission counties. This fact comes from a [paper](#) published in the European Journal of Epidemiology titled, “Increases in COVID-19 are unrelated to levels of vaccination across 68 countries and 2947 counties in the United States.”

According to a study published in October, infected vaccinated and unvaccinated people [can also](#) carry the same viral load. Viral load is a good proxy for infectiousness.

The intention of creating a safer indoor environment is not in line with the data or other cities that have followed this course of action. You can simply look at New York City as one example.

What's more, the definition of "fully vaccinated" or “up to date” may continue changing to include boosters each year or every six months. This creates a potentially dangerous situation, especially for our teens. I am the parent of a 16 year old boy and 14 year old girl.

A study out of the University of California concluded there is a higher risk for teenage boys to develop myocarditis after two doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, than it is for them to be hospitalized from COVID-19. Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart that can cause symptoms such as chest pains, irregular heartbeat and trouble breathing.

The link between myocarditis and the vaccine was confirmed in June by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), however they said that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks. However this is not quite accurate as they lumped in a much broader band of ages (up to 30 years old) and not this teen age only, therefore making the risk appear smaller.

[Research](#) led by epidemiologist [Dr. Tracy Hoeg](#) found that healthy boys between the ages of 12 and 15 had a 162.2 cases per million chance of having a cardiac adverse event (CAE) such as, myocarditis, after two doses of a mRNA vaccine. This in comparison to a 26.7 cases per million chance of a healthy boy in this age group being hospitalized with COVID in the next 120 days.

By creating a passport system that would most likely be "green" only for updated boosters and shots eventually we are creating an ongoing situation that poses much more risk than any reward. And once a passport-like system is implemented, turning it off is much less likely.

I appreciate your time and attention. And please keep me informed how I can participate to share more if needed.

Sincerely,  
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